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The Honorable Robert Finch
Secretary of Health, Education, and Welfare
Department of Health, Education, and Welfare
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Secretary:

I have received a letter from one of my constituents who is employed at Raybestos-Manhattan, Incorporated, in Marshville, North Carolina. I quote in part from his letter."

"We 25 employees of this company are very concerned about our health. Many of our fellow employees are in; have been; or are in the process of going to hospitals for pneumoconiosis. The only cure for this disease is prevention - once you have contracted it there is no cure.

It is impossible to describe the conditions now in existence at our plant. The company has been promising action, but as yet we have failed to see any preventive measures being taken. They are not adequately trying to maintain a good suction system or any real means for our protection. We know our occupation is hazardous, but as it now stands asbestoses is practically guaranteed."

I would greatly appreciate any comments you might like to make on this matter and any advice you can give me on who I should contact in behalf of the employees of Raybestos-Manhattan.

Sincerely,

Carl B. Ruth

Earl B. Ruth
Member of Congress

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